

September 7, 1996

Ms. Khuc Minh Tho, President
Families of Vietnamese Political
Prisoners Association
Fax: 703-204-0394

Dear Madam,

My name is Đỗ Hữu - Hằng, a former
political prisoner of the Vietnamese communist re-
gime. I am currently residing at [redacted]
[redacted] Tucson AZ 85705 phone number
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Before April 1975, I was a Major in the army of
South Vietnam. After the communists came to
power, I was imprisoned in a re-education camp
from May 10, 1975 to November 30, 1979 at Binh-
Truong. Because of that experience I have been
admitted to the United States on March 9, 1995
in accordance with a subprogram of the ODP pro-
gram for former political prisoners under a bila-
teral agreement between Vietnam and the United
States. While I am grateful for the chance to re-
settle in the United States my resettlement has
been made extremely difficult on account of the
fact that my wife and the following unmarried
children of mine have been rejected for resettle-
ment despite the fact that for many years she and
my unmarried children were permitted to accompany
me who was former political prisoner.

Truong-thi-Huân born on 1933 - wife
Đỗ-Huân-Phước born on 1951 - son
Đỗ-Huân-Xuân born on 1958 - son
Đỗ-Hồng-Yến born on 1965 - daughter

Thus, I hope that you can help me so that our family could be together again. In particular, may I urge that you give your support to Section 595 of the Foreign Operation Appropriation Bill H.R. 3540 offered by Senator John McCain and enacted by the Senate on July 26, 1996. The Bill will be considered by the Conference Committee in early September 1996. By making sure that this Section remains in the final bill, you will be helping many families of former political prisoners who are in the same sad situation as mine. Many, many thanks for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,

Hoàng

c. Ms. Khuc Minh Tho President
Families of Vietnamese Former
Political Prisoners Association

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